

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 7721 of 2025**

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HIMMATSINH GULABSINH SOLANKI

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

PRATEEK S BHATIA(8629) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MS. JYOTI BHATT, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY**Date : 22/01/2026****ORAL ORDER**

From the record, it appears that the present FIR has been lodged by the first informant against the petitioners herein for the offences punishable under Sections 465, 466, 467, 471 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 12(1)(a) & Section 12(a)(b) of the Gujarat Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Caste Certificates) Act, 2018 (Hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'). Upon perusal of the FIR, it appears that it is not even the case of the prosecution that the caste certificates issued in favour of the petitioners herein were forged. Moreover, learned Advocate appearing for the petitioners has taken this Court through the report of the committee which has supposed examined the certificates in question and upon perusal of the report submitted by the committee, it appears that the documents on the basis of which the caste certificates were issued in favour of the petitioners herein are not known. Moreover, as per the Section 12 of the Act in question, the cognizance of the offence could be taken only on the basis of the complaint filed by the authorized officer.

Having regard to these aspects, issue notice returnable on 08.05.2026.

There shall be Ad-interim relief in terms of Para-8(c) till the next date.

RAVI OZA

(M. R. MENGDEY,J)